

GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND THOSE WHO OPERATE IT

Dr. Wiley Making Satisfactory Progress With His "Poison" Squad—Commissioner Allen, of the Patent Office, Clears Docket—New Rules of Practice for Patent Office—Reports on Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Ex-Assistant Secretary Vandervip is in Washington and called upon old friends at the department yesterday. He is now vice president of the National City Bank of New York.

Miss Cora Millward, of the Comptroller's office, has returned to Washington after spending two weeks with her brother in Pittsburgh.

First Assistant Engineer Green of the Revenue Cutter Service, who has been detailed for duty in San Francisco, left Washington Thursday on his trip across the continent.

Assistant Secretary Allen reports a large number of dismissals from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. The dismissals occurred in the ranks of the printing force and were due to excessive absence from work. The vacancies will be filled immediately from the civil service list.

"Silas Holmes Monument" is the name given by the clerks in the redemption division to the wooden door covering the safe in their room. Silas Holmes, it appears, was a messenger grown gray in the service, and when he died an oak door was put up upon which is inscribed in large letters "Holmes Electric Protector." Hence "Silas Holmes Monument."

Commissioner of Immigration O'Reilly, whose station is at Montreal, Canada, is in Washington for a few days. Montreal is the headquarters for the immigration agents on the Canadian border, and the sixty-four stations which stretch along the line from sea to sea are subordinate. Mr. O'Reilly says the Canadian border is sought especially by "grants coming" who think they cannot get in by the way of our seaports. He lays much of the blame at the doors of the companies who persuade the immigrants to take that route. Canada, he says, is endeavoring to populate her vast territory by accepting any and every immigrant. This action, he says, is unwise, for the better class of Canadians are disgusted, and are rapidly coming into this country.

Every national bank in the country has as part of its name the word "national," except one, the Bank of North America, in Philadelphia. This bank has also the distinction of being the oldest bank in the United States. When it became a national bank, special legislation was passed to enable it to keep its name unchanged.

Secretary Shaw has notified the collector of internal revenue at Terra Haute, Ind., that there must be no ground in the future for repetition of the charges brought against employees of the Treasury Department from employees in his department. The letter says while the suspicion is strong against De Baum, yet it is so contradictory and unsatisfactory that it does not justify his dismissal. The present case, the Secretary says, has been one of great embarrassment to the department.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Carrington, of the chief clerk's office of the War Department, is one of the clerks who has been longest in the War Department. Mr. Carrington has charge of the important work of compiling the annual reports, and of giving them to the public. In the absence of Chief Clerk Schofield, and his assistant, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Carrington acts as chief clerk of the War Department.

The clerk of the quartermaster general's department, who has charge of the army transportation division, has been one of the busiest clerks in the War Department since the termination of the Spanish war. Mr. Randolph, who has this desk, has been on duty in the War Department for many years. With the prospective abolition of the army transport service, it is anticipated Mr. Randolph will be assigned to other and equally important work. Mr. Randolph is a member of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

The board of pension appeals, of which Harrison L. Bruce is chairman, John W. Bixler, first vice chairman, and Edward P. Hall, second vice chairman, will soon have added a large addition to their office space when the rooms formerly used for abandoned Patent Office files will be ready for their use. Some time ago twenty new appointments in this division were made, and it is found that the present room area is far too limited for comfort. The Patent Office files have been removed upstairs in consequence.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, says that satisfactory progress is being made by his twelve subjects around the "scientific dining table." Ping-pong has been introduced as a means of exercise for them, and it will not be long, says Dr. Wiley, before the chemical foods will be served.

Secretary Wilson says he is much gratified that the erection of a new building is almost a sure thing.

Commissioner Macfarland has recommended to the President that Elmer G. Runyan, of the Agricultural Department, be appointed successor to S. Calvert Ford, former Inspector of Gas and Meters for the District, who resigned his position a day or so ago.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

F. S. Henrick, formerly a clerk in the Bureau of Navigation, has been transferred to the clerical force of the White House. Mr. Henrick's transfer is in the nature of a promotion.

W. H. H. Smith, chief clerk of the Bureau of Steam Engineering of the Navy Department, is one of the right-hand men of Rear Admiral George W. Melville. Mr. Smith is extremely well versed in all matters pertaining to steam engineering, and is taking much interest in the suggested movement to re-establish the engineer corps in the navy.

The thorough accord of the views of Secretary Moody with those expressed by the President when the latter was Assistant Secretary of the Navy, is expressed in Secretary Moody's following statement:

"Among the most important lessons learned in the war with Spain was that a modern navy cannot be improvised during a war or upon the threshold of a war. Much money was then expended in the purchase of ships. Many of them served useful auxiliary purposes, but it may well be doubted whether they added materially to the fighting efficiency of our fleet. The time best suited to the development and perfection of our navy is the time when there is neither war nor threat of war. Happily the present is such a time, and it permits a dispassionate consideration of the future."

"The country approves, with hardly a dissenting voice, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea. What would have been an adequate navy some years ago is totally inadequate for the performance of the duties growing out of our new possessions in the Pacific and Atlantic and the determination of Congress to construct a canal across the isthmus."

"If, then, the policy of strengthening our power upon the sea to the point where it can respond to the national needs be not abandoned, the navy has manifold needs. There must be additional naval and coaling stations; more ships, fighting and auxiliary; and an increase of officers and men. In all of these respects, Congress in the past has dealt with the navy wisely and generously, and I doubt not that in the future it will as accurately register the will of the people."

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

E. C. Ekel visited the extensive deposits of other found in the vicinity of Parkersville, Ga., last season for the purpose of investigating the geological condition of their occurrence and their use. The origin of these deposits has been discussed by Dr. G. W. Hayes, who considers that the other bodies represent replacement of the quartzites by silica having been dissolved and iron deposited by percolating waters.

BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Venezuela stands fourth in the list of South American countries in amount of trade with the United States. Statistics collected by the bureau for the last fiscal year show Brazil in the lead with exports and imports amounting to \$89,574,167. Argentina is second with \$62,522,525. Chile third with \$11,453,497, and Venezuela is fourth with \$9,081,864, of which \$6,287,121 was the value of imports and \$2,794,743 of exports. The total trade between South America and this country amounted to \$157,859,611, of which the imports were \$119,785,319, and the exports \$38,074,292.

NEW ORLEANS FINISHES CLOSE AND EXCITING

Improved Condition of Track Makes Fast Going Possible.

The Entries.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—For the first time in many days some of the finishes here yesterday were close and exciting. This was due to the much improved condition of the track, which has been smoothed by persistent use of rollers. Water Edge and Cogswell were the only favorites to lose, while none of the winners were quoted at long odds. Golden Rule showed a great performance when he won the Highweight Handicap with 143 pounds up, conceding odds of weight to his company. The winners were: Hurry, 9 to 10; Tillo, 7 to 10; King, 4 to 1; Golden Rule, 7 to 10; Brie, 3 to 1; Sweet Alice, 1 to 2.

First race—Selling; six furlongs. Little Jack Horner, Alpaca, Maggie Clotson, Priorius, Bedlam, 109; D'Asilius, 112; Cherus Boy, Grantor, El Rey, Montanito, Peat, Azu, 114.

Second race—Selling; one mile. Aimless, Atreco, Indolence, Lemerle, 96; Judge Durelle, 99; Eliza Dillion, Miss Blarney, 101; Optimo, 102; Marcos, 105; Bella, 107; Harry Wilson, 108.

Third race—Handicap; two-year-olds; seven furlongs. Pirate, Colonne II, Farmer Jim, 100; Barkmeier, 103; Tom Maybin, 106; Welcome Light, 107.

Fourth race—Crescent City Handicap; 1:50 added; one and one-quarter miles. Water Edge, 54; Hayward Hunter, Commissioner Foster, 57; Major Mansie, 104; Little Scout, 105; Barrack Jessie Jarboe, 110; Scotch Flaid, 103; The Lady, 108; McChesney, 120. The last three coupled as Durnell & Herz's entry.

Fifth race—Purse; six furlongs. Shrine, 92; Jane Holly, Ben Mora, St. Tammany, 104; De Reszke, Booster, 107; Potente, 108; Smile, 111; John Peters, Harry New, 112; Scorio, 113; McChesney, 124.

Sixth race—Selling; one and one-half miles. Hattie Davis, 57; Potence, 80; Trocadero, 97; Latson, 103; Compass, Croesus, Pay the Fiddler, 105; Cogswell, 106; Lady Chorister, 109.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Huntington Wilson, secretary of the United States legation at Tokyo, Japan, is about to leave Washington for his post after official leave of absence. He called yesterday at the State Department to pay his farewell respects to the Secretary. He entered the diplomatic service in 1897 and was appointed to his present position in 1900.

PATENT OFFICE.

Commissioner Allen has cleared his docket of all cases and shall not hear any other until the new year. The Commissioner will spend the Christmas holidays in Auburn, N. Y.

The new rules of practice went to the hands of the printer yesterday, and will be made public about January 1. It is stated that a difference in the design law will be the only important change from the rules of last year. Commissioner Allen has recently been before the House Committee on Patents in regard to the international patent convention acts.

The assignment division in charge of Frederick V. Booth, and who is assisted by Willis B. Magruder, recently made a record in getting out typewritten orders in one day amounting to 122,450 words. Miss Brashear, one of the experts in this division, sent out 13,300 words alone, which is over twice the number of words sent out by the average copyist in these rooms. Miss Brashear is one of the late additions to the assignment staff.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

United States Supervisor of Indian Schools Charles H. Dickson, who has been for the past few months investigating the schools in Oklahoma, is in

Theodore G. Lemmon, superintendent of the Indian training school at Grand Junction, Colorado, is in Washington, and will assist the Indian office in the preparation of plans and specifications for a new sewer and water system in his school. Congress has appropriated \$18,000 for this work. Mr. Lemmon's school is one of the largest in the country and has an enrollment of 200 pupils.

United States Indian Inspector, James F. Jenkins, who has been in the field for the past year, is in Washington, and will make a general report of his work.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Solicitor General Richards has received a suggestion that a motion be made to dismiss the appeal in re W. C. O'Neal, plaintiff in error, vs. the United States in the Supreme Court. This case has caused much interest in Florida. W. C. O'Neal, who is president of the American National Bank, in Pensacola, made a murderous assault on Adolph Greenhut with a knife. Greenhut was trustee in the bankruptcy of the estate of Scarritt Moreno, and had brought suit against the American National Bank on account of the estate. The case will be tried in the Supreme Court, though it is not yet decided who will argue on behalf of the United States.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Inspector Cochran has been advised by telegraph that the postoffice at Gazelle, Cal., was entirely destroyed by fire, all supplies, including the mail key, was lost.

IMMIGRANTS BARRED OUT.

Sad and Pathetic Scenes at the Ellis Island Station.

However, there were several rejections. There was the old woman who had come with her daughter and her daughter's children. The daughter's husband had sent the money on from America, and they had been rarely happy that morning. Three more days and they would be on the great steamship, and then it was but a short trip to America! But the old woman had a disease of the eyes. Did she not know? Know? And how should she know? Sick-ness of the eyes! She touched them with her fingers. Her eyes? She had seen to sew with them all her life. Why, she had seen to make all the clothes for all the babies with them—for all the babies! Only the last night at home she had finished the dress the little one "the baby" had looked over at the baby, and in her poor old eyes, despite the love of two generations, was seen the reason of the surgeon's decision. And the rejection held.

There was a young man and a girl trying to soothe him—not an uncommon case—talking bravely to him as they sat together, and he on the top of a green box and he below on a round bundle of bedding. They may have been brother and sister, they may have been brother and sister, they may have been brother and sister, and now they were to part.

There was another, a man of middle age, who sat over in the corner, as far away as he could get, with his bundles and boxes about him. When the door of that room should be thrown open and the gate of the control station unlocked, he would go back and live out his life in a train to take him back to Russia. He was a strong one, who had earned his passage money himself, but now the years of saving were gone, and he would go back and live out his life in hard Russia, not in beautiful America. Why had somebody not told him, and spared him the extra toll? What for now were the nights and days of pleasure he had put aside? He looked about him. Dry as the old woman's eyes were his own hopeless eyes, but for him there was not even the prattle of a little child to lead to an hour's forgetfulness.

GAMES BOWLED IN FOUR LOCAL LEAGUES

Commissioners Defeat the Treasury Quint.

BARR BOWLS HIGH SCORE

Second Nationals Win From Safe Deposit—Fat Men Win From Business Men.

The Commissioners beat the Treasury quint last night on the Palace alleys by winning two of the three sets bowled. All of the games bowled by both teams was over the 500 mark, while the second game of the Commissioners footed up a total of 1,007, an exceedingly high score. The Treasury team won the third game of the set.

Barr was high man for the winners, with 190, and his 255 was high single.

The scores:

Departmental League.				
Commissioners.	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Barr	158	255	157	570
*Parker	123	236	164	523
Smith	206	175	156	537
McComb	164	166	164	534
Myers	170	177	196	543
Totals	868	1,007	829	2,704

*Nelligan bowled first game.

Treasury.				
Deyo	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Rich	138	161	149	448
Buell	190	164	155	509
Kimmell	147	186	182	515
Elliott	208	148	188	544
Totals	829	845	868	2,562

*Loerast bowled last game.

District League.

The Fat Men's Club defeated the South Washington Business Men last night in a league game by handily winning the first two games of the set. The Business Men took a brace in the last game and bowled 887, winning it.

Leimbach, of the Business Men, was high man with 182, and his 211 was high single. Ludwig, of the winning team, was high man for the winners.

Fat Men.				
Harlow	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Crist	187	160	192	539
Brown	175	157	180	512
Ludwig	183	230	172	585
Rodrick	156	185	175	516
Totals	848	842	868	2,558

Business Men.				
Kidd	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Kidd	128	138	138	404
Walter	142	134	169	445
Leimbach	160	175	211	546
Lead	178	169	197	544
Armstrong	176	190	172	538
Totals	784	795	887	2,466

Bank Clerks' League.

The Second Nationals' quint easily won two games from the Safe Deposit Company team on the Palace Alleys last night by literally showing them under in the first two games. The losers got themselves together in the last game, however, and bowled 829 to their opponents' 818.

Nyman was high man, with 195 average, and his 229 and 209 were best and next best singles. Scharf, of the same team, was next high man, with 181 average, while 207 made by Plant, of the Safe Deposit Company, was next best single.

Sec. National.				
Wirt	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Pearson	158	164	159	481
Nyman	209	229	148	586
Scharf	200	179	166	545
Barclay	194	149	192	535
Totals	917	850	818	2,585

Railway Relief League.

The Eleventh Streets defeated the Columbia quint on the Palace alleys by winning the second and third games of the set in "walk-over" style. The victors bowled a very poor game in the first of the set, their total being 659, but in the other two they struck their gait, and bowled over the 800 mark in each.

Speer was high man, with 170 average, and his 177 was high single. Ballenger was next high man, with 168 average, while his 189 was second best single.

Eleventh St.				
Reich	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Ballenger	151	145	176	472
Speer	107	184	136	427
Johnson	121	127	139	387
Speer	148	165	157	510
Totals	659	810	813	2,282

INDOOR BASEBALL.

The first of a series of intercity indoor baseball games between the Y. M. C. A. of this city, and the West Branch Y. M. C. A. of Baltimore, will be played tonight in the local association gymnasium, 1732 G Street. The West Branch boys are the champions of their city's league, and the local boys hold like honors here. Manager Beckett will put on his best team and he hopes to open the series with a victory. A hotly contested game may be expected.

HOSPITAL MUST PAY.

Joseph K. McCammon, in behalf of the Joseph Memorial Hospital, will be informed by the District Commissioners that the assessment for a water main against the hospital is legal and must be paid. Mr. McCammon protested against the payment of the assessment on the ground that the hospital was a public institution. H. H. Darnelle, the Assessor, in his report, quoted the law to show that the levy was properly made and he recommended that the request of the attorney for its remission be denied.

MATTERS OF INTEREST IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Deleahanty Does Not Fear the American League. Jeffries and Fitzsimmons Touring Country.

"Plunger" Deleahanty, the Washington outfielder who signed with McGraw's Giants, yesterday gave out the following:

"I have no reason to fear the American League, and I have been assured by McGraw that Col. John I. Rogers will not enjoin me from playing with a National League club other than Philadelphia. That is all cut and dried."

"While I hate to cut loose from so good a fellow as Tom Loftus, I am anxious to help New York heat out the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Clubs for the pennant in 1903. Supposing I am enjoined from playing, my salary goes on just the same at \$5,000 per year, so I am hooked up pretty well."

The big left fielder further said that should he find an idle summer on his hands through the work of American League politicians he would turn to the turf and campaign with a small string in the West.

Jesse Burkett has signed a two years' contract to play with the St. Louis American League club at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Burkett will return to the New York National League club the check for \$3,000, advanced him several weeks ago by Manager McGraw, as an inducement to jump from the American.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries seem likely to make big money on their boxing tour. So far they have drawn large houses. At Seattle the theater in which they performed was crowded. For an hour before the curtain went up a long line of men extended clear from the theater down Cherry Street to Second Avenue. They fought and jostled for a place in the line.

Florrie Barnett was the announcer of the evening. He introduced Bob first. Seattle greeted him vociferously. The champion next crawled through the ropes and was given an ovation. The men then went to it for four rounds. Their work was remarkably fast. During the exhibition the crowd could not help commenting on the recent battle between these giants in "Frisco. Bob looked like a pigmy beside his big opponent."

The big fellows are now on the tour of the world. Last night was the fourth performance of their present trip, and each time they have played to the "capacity." They go from Seattle to New York, stopping only at the principal cities. From Gotham they set sail for London, eventually reaching Australia and from there to "Frisco."

George Bothner is working harder for his match with Tom Jenkins at the Grand Central Palace next Monday than ever before. Although Jenkins is to try

CLARKE GRIFFITH TO HANDLE GOTHAM TEAM

Tom Loftus to Remain in Charge of the Senators for Another Season.

It has been semi-officially announced that Clarke Griffith, for two years manager of the Chicago American League Club, will be the leader of the New York American team next season.

Charlie Comiskey, owner of the Windy City Club, has consented somewhat reluctantly to allow his star twirler to take charge of the Gotham team. Comiskey is to take active charge of the White Sox.

Comiskey says: "I suppose it will seem a trifle strange to me to resume work on the bench, but I guess it will not take me long to break in."

His returning to the bench is only a remote possibility, but he has the stuff in him, and will do anything he can to aid the Johnson organization. This has been shown by his willingness to sacrifice Griffith.

Tom Loftus was first mentioned as the man who would handle the American Giants, but President Fred Post would not hear any such talk. He knew that Loftus has a host of friends in this city, and also knew that the local baseball enthusiasts appreciated what he had done for baseball here, and declared that the Americans would have to hunt a little further than Washington to get a man to take charge of the Gotham aggregation.

Post insisted that Loftus remain here, and the latter promised Post that he would not accept the New York presidency.

Columbia.				
Hitchcock	1.	2.	3.	Totals.
Hitchcock	175	170	122	467
Glasscock	134	143	146	423
Rockett	112	101	139	352
Wenzell	118	106	167	391
Dement	152	143	106	401
Totals	691	663	680	2,034

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